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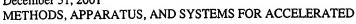
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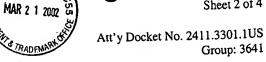
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the above-listed references are not included herewith. Nonetheless, if it would facilitate the convenience of the Examiner in the prosecution of the above-captioned new application, copies of all or any of the above-listed references will promptly be provided, by hand delivery, if desired upon a telephonic request for such made by the Examiner to the undersigned at any of the telephone numbers listed below the signature thereof on the last page of this document. The references can be provided individually or collectively in a tabulated looseleaf notebook with a correlating table of contents.

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